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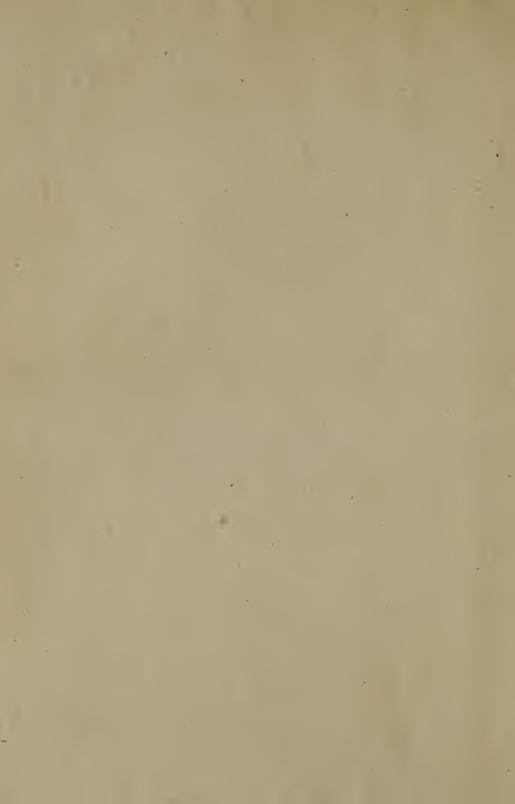
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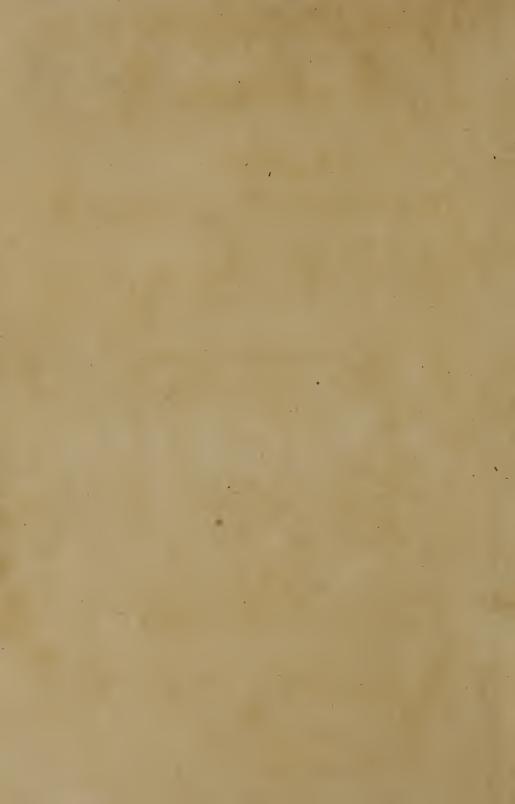
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The Prologue.

Layes have a Fate in their Conception lent, Some so short liv'd, no sooner shew'd then spent: But born to day, to morrow Buried; and (Though taught to Speak,) neither to Go nor Stand. This! by what fate I know not, sure, to merit That, (it disclaimes) may, for the Age, Inherit, Writing bove One and Twenty: but, ill Nurst, Fet well received, and well performed at first: Grac'd, and frequented; and the Cradle age Did throng the Seates, the Boxes, and the Stage So much, that some by Stenography, drew The Plot: put it in print, scarce one word true: And in that lamene se it hath limpt so long. The Author, now to vindicate that wrong, Hath took the paines, upright upon it's feet, To teach it malke: so please you sit and see't.

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Act. prim. Scæ. prim.

Enter Sussex and Lord Chamberlaine.

Ood morrow my good Lord Chamberlaine.

Chamb. Many good morrows to my Lord of Suffex.

Suff. Who's with the Queen, my Lord?

Cham. The Cardinall of Winchester, the Lord of Tame, the good Lord Shandoyse: and besides, Lord Honard, Sir Henry Beningsield, and divers others.

Suff. A word my Lord in private.

Enter Tame and Shandoyse

Shand. Touching the Queene, my Lord, who now sits high,
What thinkes the Realme of Bhilip th' Emperours sonne,
A mariage by the councell treated of?

Tame.

If you know not me,

Tame. Pray Heaven't prove well.

Suff. Good morrow Lords.

Tame. Good morrow to my Lord of Sussex.

Shand. I cry your Honours mercy.

Chamb. Good morrow to the Lords of Tame and Shandoyse. Tame. The like to you my Lords. (As you were speaking.)

Enter Lord Howard, and Sir Henry Beningfield.

Ben. Concerning Wist and the Kentish rebels,
Their overthrow is past: The rebell Dukes that sought
By all meanes to proclaime Queen lane chiefly Northumberland,
For Gilfords sake he forc'd his brother Duke unto that warre,
But each one had his merit.

Howard. Oh my Lord,

The Law proceeded against their great offence,
And it is not well, since they have suffered sudgement,
That we should raise their scandall being dead,
Tis impious, not from true judgment bred.

Suff. Good morrow my Lord. Good morrow good Sir Henry.

Ben. Pardon my Lord, I saw you not till now. Chamb. Good morrow good Lord Homard.

Howard. Your Honors. The like to you my Lords.

Tame. With all my heart Lord Howard.

Chamb. Forward I pray.

Suff. The Suffolke men my Lord, was to the Queene, The very staiers by which she clim'd her throne. She's greatly bound unto them for their loves.

Enter Cardinall of Winchster.
Win. Good morrow Lords, attend the Queen into the presence.
Suss. Your duties Lords.

Exempt omnes.

Enter Tame bearing the purse, Shandoysethe Mace, Howard the Scepter, Sussex the Crowne: then the Queene: after her the Cardinall, Sentlow, Gage, and attendants.

Queen. By Gods assistance and the power of Heaven,

We are instated in our Brothers Throne, And all those powers that warr'd against our right, By helpe of heaven and your friendly aide, Disperst and fled, here may we sit secure, Our heart is joyfull Lords, our peace is pure.

Enter Dodde.

Dodds. I doe beseech your Majesty peruse this poore petition. Queen. O Master Dodds, we are indebted to you for your love, You stood us in great stead even in our ebbe Of fortune, when our hopes were neere declin'd, And when our state did beare the lowest faile, Which we have reason to requite we know: Reade his Petition my good Lord Cardinall.

Dod. Oh gracious Soveraigne let my Lord the Duke have the

perusing of it, or any other that is neare your grace,

He will be to our fuit an opposite.

Winch. And reason sellow.

Madam, here is a large recitall and upbraiding of your Highnesse Soveraignity, the Suffolke menthat lifted you to the throne, and here possest you, claime your promise made to them about The transfer with the court of

Religion.

Dodds. True gracious Soveraigne; But that we doe upbraid your Majesty, Or make recitall of our deeds forepast, Other then conscience, honesty and zeale, and a seale, an By love, by faith, and by our duty bound To you the next and true successive Heire, If you contrary this, I needs must say, and the same of the same o Your skillesse tongue doth make our well tun'd words Jarre in the Princesse eares, and of our Lext You make a wrong construction. Gracious Queen, Your humble subjects prostrate in my mouth, A generall fuit: When we first flockt to you, And made first head with you at Fromingham. Twas thus concluded, that we your liegemen Should still enjoy our consciences, and use that faith,

If you know not mee

Which in King Edwards dayes washeld Canonicall.

Win. May't please your highnes note the Commons insolence. They tye you to conditions, and set limits to your authority Sign'd you from above.

Queen. They shall know,

To whom their faithfull duties they doe owe: Since they the limbes, the head would feel e to sway, Before they governe, they shall learne t'obey.

See it severely ordred Winchester.

Winch. Away with him, it shall be throughly scand,

And you upon the pillory, three dayes to stand. Exit Dodds:

Ben. Has not your fifter (gracious Queene) ahand In these petitions? Well your Highnesse knowes,

She is a favourite of these heretiques.

Winch. And well remembred is't not probable,

That she in Wiats expedition,

And other insurrections lately queld,

Was a confederate: if your highnesse will your owne state pre-You danger must prevent, and cut off such (serve

As could your fafety prejudice.

Ben. Such is your fifter,

A meere opposite to us in our opinion; and besides, Shee's next successive, should your Majesty

Dye isfuiesse, which heaven defend.

omnes. Which heaven forbid.

Bening. The state of our Religion would decline.

Queen. My Lord of Tame and Shandoyse, You two shall have a strict commission seal'd,

To fetch our fister young, Elizabeth,

From Ashridge where she lies, and with a band Of armed Souldiers to conduct her up to London,

Where we will heare her.

(face,

Stentl. Gracious Queen, she only craves but to behold your That she might cleare her selfe of all supposed treasons, Still protesting, she is as true a subject to your Grace, As lives this day.

Win. Do not you heare, with what faucy impudence

This Sentlow here presumes.

Queen. Away with him, Ile teach him to know his place, To frowne when we frowne, smile on whom we grace.

Winch. Twill be a meanes to keepe the rest in awe,

Making their Soveraignes brow, to them a law.

Queen. All those that seek our sisters cause to favour,

Let them be lodged.

Winch. Young Conriney Earle of Devonshire,

Seemes chiefly to affect her faction.

Queen. Commithim to the Tower,

Till time affords us and our Councell breathing space

To meditate on these affaires of state.

Whence is that Poste?

A horne within.

Const. My Soveraigne, it is from Southampton. Queen Our Secretary, unseale them and returne

Vs present answer of the contents,

She speakes to the Lord Constable.

What's the maine bunnesse.

Const. That Philip Prince of Spaine,
Sonne to the Emperour, is safely arriv'd,

Andlanded at Southampton.

Queen. Prepare to meet him Lords, with all state possible. Howard. Prepare you Lords with our faire Queen to ride,

And his high princely state let no man hide.

Queen. Set forward Lords, this sudden newes is sweet,
Two royall Lovers on the mid way meet.

Exeuns omnes.

Enter Master Gage, and a Gentlewoman.

Gage. Good morrow Mistresse, came you from the Princesse?

Wom. Master Gage, I did. Gage. How fares her Grace?

Wom. O wondrous crazy, gentle Master Gage,

Her seepes are all unquiet and her head

Beats and growes giddy with continuall griefe.

Gage. Heaven grant her comfort, and release her paine,

Scarce such a Lady doth on earth remaine.

If you know not me. Enter the Clowne.

Clow. O arme, arme, arme,

Gage. How now, what's the matter!

Clow. The house is beset, Souldiers as hot as fire in the oven Are ready to enter every hole about the house;
For as I was a'th top of the wood-stacke, the sound of the Drum Hit me such a box a'th eare, that I came tumbling downe
The stacke with a thousand billets a'th top on me: looke about.
And helpe for heavens sake.

Gage. Heaven guard the Princesse, grant that all be well.

This Drum, I feare, will prove her passing bell.

Enter Tame and Shandoy se with Souldiers, Drum, Ge.

Tame. Where's the Princesse? Gags O my honour'd Lords,

(May I with reverence presume to aske)

What meanes these armes, why doe you thus begirt

A poore weake Lady, neere at point of death?

Shand. Resolve the Princesse we must speake with her.

Wom. My Lords, know there is no admittance to her presence, Without a leave first granted from her selfe.

Tame. Go tell her we must and will.

Wom. Ile certifie so much.

Exit Woman,

As you doe owe alleageance to the Queene.
In pitty of her weaknesse and low state,
With best of favour, her commiserate.

Enter Woman.

Woman. Her Grace intreats you but to stay till morne, And then your Message shall be heard at sull.

Shand. Tis from the Queene, and we will speake with her.

Wom. Ile certifie so much.

Tame. It shall not need: presse after my Lord.

Enter Elizabeth in her bed, Docter Owine, and Docter Wendith.

Eliza. We are not pleas'd with your intrusions, lords,

Is your haste such, or your affaires so urgent, That suddenly, and at this time of night,

You presse on me, and will not stay till morne?

Tam. Sorry we are, sweet lady, to behold you in this sad plight.

Eliz. And I my lords not glad to see you at this time.

My heart, oh how it beats.

Shand. Madam, our Message and our duty from the Queene,

We come to tender to you: It is her pleasure,

That you the 7 day of this moneth appeare at Westminster.

Eliz. At Westminster? my lords, no soule more glad then I,

To doe my duty to her Majesty,

But I am forry at the heart. My heart! Oh good Docter raise me A little higher in my bed. Oh my heart! I hope my lords, considering my extremity and weaknes, you will dispense a little with Your haste.

Tame. Docter Owin and Docter Wendith, You are the Queenes Physitians truly sworne.

On your allegeance, as before her Highnesse you will answer it.

Speake, may the Princesse be remov'd with life.

D. Owin. Not without danger lords, yet without death,

Her Feaver is not mortall; yet you see

Into what danger it hath brought the Princesse.

Shand. Is your opinion so?

D. Wend. My judgment is, it is not deadly, but yet dangerous, No sooner shall she come to take the aire,

But she will faint, and if not well prepar'd and attended,

Her life is in much danger.

Tame. Madam, we take no pleasure to deliver

So strict a Message.

Eliz, Nor I my lords, to heare a Message delivered

With such Aricanesse; well, must I go?

Shand. So sayes the Queene. Eliz. Why then it must be so.

Tame. To morrow early then you must prepare.

Eliz. Tis many a morrow fince my feeble legs,

Felt this my bodies weight: O I shall faint,

And if I tafte the rawnesse of the Ayre,

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If you know not me

I am but dead, indeed I am but dead. Tis late, conduct these lords unto their Chambers, And cheere them well, for they have journey'd hard, Whilst we prepare us for our morrowes journey.

Shand. Madam, the Queene hath sent her litter for you, Eliz. The Queene is kind, and we will Arive with death

To tender her our life.

We are her subject, and obey her hest. Good night; we wish you what we want, Good rest.

Exeunt omnes.

Enter Queene Mary, Philip, and all the Nobles but Tame and Shandoyse.

Qu. Thus in the face of heaven, and the broad eye of all the Multitude. we give a welcome to the Spanish Prince, Those plausive showts which give you entertaine Eccho as loud in the Almighties ears, As here they found with pleasure that excels,

The clamorous trumpets, and loud ringing Bels. Phil. Thrice excellent and ever gracious Princesse,

Doubly famous, for vertue and for beauty,

We embrace your large stretcht honours in the armes of love,

Our royall marriage, treated first in Heaven, To be solemniz'd here, both by Heavens voyce,

And by our loves consent, we thus confirme.

Now Spaine and England, two populous Kingdomes,

That have a long time beene oppos'd, In Hostile emulation, shall be at one:

This shall be Spanish-England, ours English-Spaine.

Qu. Hark the redoubling Ecchoes of the people, (Florish.

How it proclaimes their leves, to this blest Vnion.

Phil. Then here before the Pillars of the land, We doe embrace, and make a publike contract. Our soules are joyfull, bright Heavens fairely smile, Whilst we proclaime our new united stile.

Queen. Reade Suffex

Sussex reades.

Philip and Mary, by the grace of God, King and Queene of England Spaine, France and Ireland; King and Queene of Naples, Cicilia, Leon, and Aragon: Archduke and Dutchesse of Austria, Burgon-die, of Brabant, Zealand, and Holland; Prince and Princesse of Sweave: Count and Countesse of Hasburgh, Majorca, Sardinia, of the sirme Land, and maine Ocean Sea: Palatines of Hierusalem and of Henolt: Lord and Lady of Friesland, and of the Isles: And Governour and Governesse of all Africa, and Asia.

Omnes. Long live the King and Queene. King and Queen. We thanke you all.

(Florish

Const. When may it please your Highnesse to solemnize your Sacred Nuptials?

Queen. The twenty fifth day of this Moneth July. Phil. It likes us well. But royall Queene we want

One Lady at this high solemnity: We have a fifter call d Elizabeth:

Whose vertues and endowments of the minde

Hath fill'd the eares of Spaine.

Winch. Great are the causes, now too long to say, Why she (My Soveraigne) should be kept away.

Const. The Lord of Tame and Shandoyse are return'd;

Enter Tame, and Shandoyse, and Gage.

Queen. How fares our sister, is she come along?

Tame. We found the Princesse sicke and in great danger;

Yet did we urge our strict Commission:

She much intreated that she might be spar'd

Vutill her health and strength might be restor'd.

If you know not me,

Shand. Two of your Highnesse Docters we then call'd, And charged them as they would answer it, To tell the truth, if that our journeyes toyle, Might be no prejudice unto her life; Or if we might with fafety bring her thence. They answered that we might. We did so, and Here she is to doe her duty to your Majesty.

Qu. Let her attend, we will finde time to heare her. Phil. But royall Queene, for her knowne vertues fake, Deeme her offences, if she have offended,

With all the lenite a fister can.

Qu. My Lord of Winchester, my lord of Suffex, Lord Howard, Tame, and Shandoyse, Take you Commission to examine her Of all supposed crimes. So to our Nuptials, What Festivall more royall hath beene seene, Than'twixt Spaines Prince, and Englands royall Queene.

Exeunt.

Actus Secun. Scæna prim.

Enter Elizabeth, her Gentleman and three honshold servants.

Eliz. Is my Gentleman-Viher yet return'd?

Wom. Madam, not yet.

Eliz. O heaven, my feare hath beene good Phy sickes to me. But the Queenes displeasure, that hath cur'd my bodies impersection, hath made me heart-sicke, braine-sicke, and sicke even to Death, what are you?

I Ser. Your houshold officers and humble Servants.

Who, now your house (faire Princesse) is dissolv'd And quite broke up, come to attend your Grace.

Eliz. We thanke you, and are more indebted for your loves

Than we have power, or meanes now to requite. Alas, I am all the Queenes, yet nothing of my selfe,

But God and innocence, be you my patrons and defend my cause.

Why

Why weepe you Gentlemen?

Cooke. Not for our selves. Men are not made to weepe At their owne Fortunes. Our eyes are made of fire, And to extract water from fire is hard:

And to extract water from the is hard:

Nothing but such a Princesse griefe as yours,

So good a lady, and so beautifull, so absolute a Mistresse,

And perfect, as you ever have beene to us

Have power to doe't : your forrow makes us fad.

As my front's heavy. All that heaven sends is welcome, Gentlemen divide these few Crownes amongst you.

I am now a prisoner, and shall want nothing:

I have some friends about her Majesty,

That are providing for me all things, all things;

I, even my Grave; and being possest of that

I shall need nothing. Weepe not I pray,

Rather you should rejoyce,

If I miscary in this enterprise, and you aske why,

A Virgin and a Martyr both I dye.

Enter Gage.

Gage. He that first gave you life, protect that life From those that wish your death.

Eliz. What's my offence? Or who be my accusers?

Gage. Madam, that the Queene and Winchester best know.

Eliz. What saith the Queene unto my late petition?

Gage. You are deny'd that grace:

Her Majesty will not admit your conference.

Sir William Sentle urging that motion,

Was first committed, since sent to the Tower,

Madam, in briefe, your foes are the Queenes friends,

Your friends her foes.

Sixe of the Councell are this day oppointed

To examine you of certaine Articles:

Eliz. They shall be welcome? my God in whom I trust,

Will helpe, deliver, fave, defend the just.

If you know not mee

Enter Winchester, Sussex, Howard, Tame, Shandoyse, and Constable

Suff. All forbeare the place unlesse the Princesse. Win. Madam, we from the Queene are joyn'd

In full Commission. (They sit, she kneeles.

Suff. By your favour good my lord, ere you proceed.

Madam, although this place doth tie you to this reverence,
It becomes you being a Princesse to deject your Knee.

A Chaire there.

Eliz. My duty with my fortunes doe agree, And to the Queen, in you, I bend my knee.

Suff. You shall not kneele where Suffex sits in place,

The Chamber-keeper, a Chaire there for her Grace.

Wineh. Madam, perhaps of me you censure hardly,

That was enforc'd in Commission.

Eliz. Know you your owne guilt, my good lord Chancellor, That you accuse your selfe. I thinke not so, I am of this minde, no man is my foe.

Win. Madam, I would you would submit your selse unto her

Highnesse.

That none but base offenders should submit.
No no my lord, I easily spy your drist,
Having nothing whereon you can accuse me,
You seeke to have my selfe my selfe betray.
So by my selfe mine owne bloud should be spilt,
Confesse submission, I confesse a guilt.

Tame. What answer you to Wiats late Rebellion,

Madam'tis thought that you did fet them on.

Eliz. Who is't will say so, men may much suspect,
But yet my Lord none can my life defect,
I a confederate with those Kentesh rebels?
If I saw orsent to them, let the Queene take my head.
Hath not proud Wiat suffered for his offence,
And in the purging both of soule and body for Heaven,
Did Wiat then accuse Elizabeth.

Howard'

Suff. Madam he did not.

Eliz. My reverend Lord I know it.

Howard. Madam he would not.

Eliz. O my good Lordhe could not.

Suff. The same day Throgmorton was arraign'd at Guild hall. It was impos'd on him, whether this Princesse had a hand With him or no: he did deny it.

Clear'd her fore his death, yet accus'd others.

Eliz. My God be prais'd, this is newes but for a minute old. Spand. What answer you to sir Peter Caremin the West,

The Westerne Rebels.

Eliz. Aske the unborne infant and see what that will answer, For that and 1 are both alike in guilt,

Let not by rigor innocent bloud be spilt.

Winch. Come Madam, answer briefly to these treasons.

Eliz. Tresson Lords! if it be treason to be the Daughter To th'eight-Henry, sister to Edward, and the next of bloud unto My gracious Soveraigne the now Queen, I am a traytor: if not, I Spit at treason. In Henries raigne this law could not have stood. O Heaven, that we should suffer for our bloud.

Conft. Madam, the Queene must heare you sing another song

Before you part with us.

Eliz. My God doth know, I can no note but truth,

That with Heavens King,

One day mongst quires of Angels I shall sing.

Winch. Then Madam you will not submit,

Eliz. My life I will, but not as guilty,

My Lords let pale offenders pardon crave,

If we offend, lawes rigor let us have.

Winch. You are stubborne, come let's certifie the Queene.

Tame. Roomefor the Lordsthere. (Exeunt Councell.

Eliz. Thou power eternall, Innocents just guide,

That sway'st the Scepter of all Monarchies,

Protect the guiltlesse from these ravening jawes,

That hideous death, present by tyrants lawes,

And as my heart is knowne to thee most pure, Grant me release, or or patience to endure.

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Enter

If you know not me

Enter Gage, and servants.

Gage. Madam, we your poore humble servants
Made bold to presse into your Graces presence,

To know how your cause goes.

Eliz. Well, well, I thanke my God well. How can a cause goe ill with innocents? For they to whom wrong in this world are done, Shall be rewarded in the world to come.

Enter the six Conncellors.

Winch. It is the pleasure of her Majesty, That you be straight committed to the Tower.

Eliz. The Tower! For what?

Win. Moreover, all your houshold servants we have discharg'd, Except this Gentleman your Vsher, and this Gentlewoman, Thus did the Queene command.

And for your Guard, an hundred Northerne white-coats

Are appointed to conduct you thither.

To night unto your Chamber, to morrow early prepare You for the Tower, your Barge stands ready, To conduct you thither. (She kneeles.

Eliz. Oh Heaven, my heart! A prisoner in the Tower! Speake to the Queene, my Lords, that some other place

May lodge her fister: that's too vile, too base.

Suff. Come my Lords, let's all joyne in one petition To the Queene, that she may not be lodg'd within the Tower.

Winch. My Lord, you know it is vaine, For the Queenes sentence is definitive,

And we must see't perform'd.

Eliz. Then to our chamber comfortlesse and sad, To morrow to the Tower that fatall place,

Where I shall never behold the Sunnes bright face.

Suff. Now heaven forbid, a better hap heaven send, Thus men may mourne for what they cannot mend.

Exennt omnes.

Enter three white-cote Souldiers with-a Iacke of Beere.

1. Come my masters, you know your charge, 'tis now about A leven, here we must watch till morning, And then carry the Princesse to the Tower.

2. How shall we spend the time till morning? 2. Masse wee'll drinke and talke of our friends.

2. I but my friend, doe not talke of State matters.

1. Not I, Ile not meddle with the State, I hope this a man may fay without offence, Prethee drinke to me.

3. With all my heart'faith; this a man might

Lawfully speake, but now, faith what wast thou about to say?

1. Masse I say this; That the Lady Elizabeth is both a Lady And Elizabeth, and if I should say she were a vertuous Princesse, Were there any harme in that?

2. Noby my troth there's no harme in that,

But beware of talking of the Princesse,

Let's meddle with our kindred, there we may be bold.

1. Well firs, I have two fifters, and the one loves the other, And would not send her to prison for a million, is there any harm In this? He keepe my felfe within compasse I warrant you. For I doe not talke of the Queene, I talke of my fifters. Ile keepe me selfe within my compasse I warrant you.

3. I but fir, that word fifter goes hardly downe.

1. Why fir, I hope a man may be bold with his owne fixer, I learn'd that of the Queene. Ile keepe my selfe within compasse I warrant you.

2. I but fir, why is the Princesse committed?

1. It may be she doth not know her selfe, It may be the Queene knowes not the cause, It may be my Lord of Winchester doth not know, It may be so, nothing is impossible. It may be there's knavery in Monkery,

There's nothing unpossible. Is there any harme in that?

2. Shoo-

If you know not mee

2. Shoomaker you goe a little beyond your last.

I. Why, in faying nothing sunpossible?

Ile stand to it: for faying a truth's a truth, ile prove it.

For saying there may be knavery in Monkery, ile justifie it.

I doe not say, there is; but, may be, I know what I know,

You know what you know, he knowes what he knowes

Marry we know not what every man knowes.

3. My masters, we have talkt so long that I thinke tis day.

1. I thinke so too. Is there any in harm all this?

2. Noneith world.

3. And I thinke by this time the Princesse is ready to

take her Barge.

I. Come then, let's go: would all were well.

Is there any harme in all this? But alas,

Wishes and teares have both one property,

They shew their love that want their remedy.

Exeunt omnes.

Enter Winchester and Beninsield.

Winch. Did you marke what a piteous eye she cast To the Queenes window as she past along, Faine she would have staid but that I caus'd The Barge-men to make haste and row away.

Bning. The Barge-men were too desperate my Lord, In staying till the water was so low. For then you know being underneath the Bridge,

The Barge sterne did strike upon the ground, And was in danger to have droun'd us all.

Winch. Well, she hath scap'd that danger, Would she but conforme her selfe in her opinion, She onely might rely upon my love To win her to the favour of the Queene.

Bening. But that will never be, this is my censure, If she be guilty in the least degree, May all her wrongs surcharge and light on her: But howsoever in my censure giving, I thinke it better she were dead then living.

Enter Sussex, Tame, Howard, Shandoyse, and Gage.

Suff. Why doth the Princesse keepe her Barge so long, Why lands she not? some one goe and see the cause.

Gage. That shall be my charge my Lord. Exit Gage.

Suff. Oh my Lords her state is wondrous hard. I have seene theday my hand ide not havelent, To bring my Soveraignes fister to the Tower, Good my Lords stretch your Commission, To doe this Princesse but some little favour.

Shand. My Lord, my Lord, let not the love we beare the Princesse incurre the Queenes displeasure. Tis no dallying with mat-

ters of state: who dares gain-say the Queene.

Yet who shall hinder these mine eyes to sorrow,
For her her sorrow; by Gods marry deare
That the Queen could not though her selfe were here.
My Lords, my Lords, if it were held soule treason
To grieve for her hard usage, by my life
Mine eyes would hardly prove me a true subject.
But 'tis the Queenes pleasure, and we must obey:
Yet I shall mourne should King and Queene say nay.

Enter Gage.

For to remove backe to the common stayres,
And not to land where Traytors put to shore.
Some difference she intreats your Honors make
Twixt Chrystall Fountaines and soule muddy Springs,
'Twixt those that are condemned by the law,
And those whom Treasons staine did never blemish:
Thus she attends your aniwer and sits still,
Whilst her wet eye full many a teare doth spill.

Suff. Marry a god 'tis true, and tis no reason. Lanch Bargeman.

Good lady land where traytorsuse to land, Before her guilt be prov'd, Gods marry no,

Yes

If you know not me,

Yet the Queene wils it, that it should be so.

Shand. My Lord you must looke into our Commission.
No favour's granted, she of force must land,
'Tis a Decree which we cannot with stand.

So tell her Master Gage. Exit Gage.

Suff. As good a Lady as ere England bred, Would he that caus'd this wee had lost his head.

Enter Gage, Elizabeth, and Clarentia her Gentlewoman.

Gage. Madam, you have stept too short into the water.

Eliz. No matter where I tread,

Would where I set my foot there lay my head.

Land Traytor-like! my foot's wet in the floud,

So shall my heart ere long be drencht in bloud.

Enter Constable.

Winch. Here comes the Constable of the Tower.
Vnto whose charge we now commit you Madam.
Const. And I receive my prisoner: come will you goe?
Eliz. Whither my Lord, unto a Grate of iron,
Where griese and care my poore heart shall environ.
I am not well.

Suff. A chayre for the Princesse.

Come will you see your Chamber?

Eliz. Then on this stone, this cold stone, I will sit,

I needs must say you hardly me intreat,

When for a chayre this hard ftone is my feat.

Suff. My Lord you deale too cruelly with the Princesse, You knew her Father, she's no stranger to you.

Tame. Madam, it raines.

Suff. Good Lady take my cloake, Eliz. No let it alone. See Gentlemen,

The pitcous Heavens weepe teares into my bosome,

On this cold stone I sit, raine in my face, But better here than in a worfer place Where this bad man will leade me.

Clarentia, reach my Booke. Now leade me where you please

From fight of day, bee't in a dungeon I shall see to pray. Ex Eliz. Suff. Nay, nay, you need not bolt and lock so fast, Gage, Clar. & Constable. She is no starter. Honourable Lords,

Speake to the Queene she may have some release.

Enter Constable.

Conft. So, so, let me alone, let me alone to coop her, Ile use her so, the Queen shall much commend. My diligent care.

Howard. Where have you left the Princesse? Conft. Where she is safe enough I warrant you,

I have not granted her the priviledge Ofany walke in Garden, or to ope

Her windowes Casements to receive the ayre.

Suff. My Lord, my Lord, you deale without respect,

And worse then your Commission can maintaine.

Const. My Lord, I hope I know my Office well, And better than your selfe within this place, Then teach not me my duty, she shall be us'd so still,

The Queene commands, and ile obey her will.

Suff. But if this time should alter, marke me well, Could this be answer'd? Could it fellow Peeres? I thinke not so.

Conft. Tush, tush, the Queene is young, likely to beare Ofher owne body, a more royall heyre.

Enter Gage.

Gage. My lords, the Princesse humbly intreats, That her owne Servants may beare up her dyet, A company of base untutor'd slaves, Whose hands did never serve a Princesse boord, Doe take that priviledge.

Cor ft.

If you know not me

Const. 'Twas my appointment, and it shall be so. Suss. Gods marry deare, so suffred it shall not be. Lord Howard joyne with me, wee'll to the King.

Enter Souldiers with dishes.

Gage. Stay good my Lords, for instance, see they come, If this be seemely, let your honours judge,

Suff, Come, come my Lords, why doe you stay so long?

The Queenes high favour shall amend this wrong.

Exeunt omnes, prater Gage and Constable.

Const. Now fir what have you got by your complaining, you common find-fault, what is your Mistrisse stomacke so queasie? Our honest Souldiers must not touch her meat, then let her fast; I know her stomacke will come downe at last,

Enter Souldiers with more dishes. Gage takes one from them.

Gage. Vntutor'd slave, ile ease thee of this burthen, Her Highnesse scornes to touch the dish, Her servants bring not up.

Conft. Presume to touch a dish ile lodge thee there,

Where thou shalt see no Sunne in one whole yeare, (Ex. Conft. Gage. I would to heaven you would in any place, (& Sould.

Where I might live from thought of her difgrace.
O thou all-feeing Heavens, with piteous eye,
Looke on th'oppressions of their cruelty!
Let not thy truth by falshood be oppress,
But let her vertues shine and give her rest,
Confound the sleights and Practife of those men,
Whose pride doe kicke against the seat of heaven.
Oh draw the curtaines from their filthy sinne.
And make them loath the hell which they live in.
Prosper the Princesse, and her life defend,
A glorious comfort to her troubles send.
If ever thou hadst pity heare my prayer,
And give releasement to a Princesse care.

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Exit gage.
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ron know no body.

Act. Ter. Scæ. prim,

A dumbe Show.

Enter fix with Torches.

Tame and Shandoyse bare-headed, Philip and Mary after them, then Winchester, Beningsield, and Attendants. At the other door Sussex and Howard. Sussex delivers a Petition to the King, the King receives it, shemes it to the Queen, she shems it to Winchester, and to Beningsield, they storme: the King whispers to Sussex, and raises him and Howard, gives them the Petition, they take their leaves and depart, the King whispers a little to the Queeene.

Exeunt.

Enter Constable and Gage.

Gage. The Princesse thus intreats you honoured Lord, She may but walke in the Lieutenants Garden, Or else repose her selse in the Queenes Lodgings; My honour d Lord, grant this as you did love The samous Henry her deceased Father.

Couft. Come talke not to me, for I am resolv'd, Nor Lodging, Garden, nor Lieutenants walkes Shall here he granted their a Priferen

Shall here be granted, she's a Prisoner.

Gage. My Lord, they shall. Const. How, shall they, Knave?

Gage. If the Queene please, they shall.

A noble and right reverend Councellor,

Promis'd to beg it of her Majesty.

And if she say the word, my Lord, she shall.

Const. I, if the say the word it shall be so. My Lord of Winchester speakes the contrary,

So doe the Clergy, they are honest men.

Gage. My honour'd Lord, why should you take delight

To

If you know not me

To torture a poore Lady innocent?
The Queene I know, when she shall heare of this Will greatly discommend your cruelty.
You serv'd her Father, and he lov'd you well,
You serv'd her Brother, and he held you deare:
And can you hate the sister he best lov'd?
You serve her sister, she esteemes you hye,
And you may live to serve her ere you die:
And therefore good my Lord let this prevaile,
Only the Casements of her windows ope.
Whereby she may receive fresh gladsome ayre.

Const. O you preach well to deafe men, no not I;
So letters may fly in, ile none of that,
She is my prisoner, and if I so durst,
But that my warrant is not yet so strict,
Ide lay her in a dungeon where her eyes,
Should not have light to reade her English prayers,
So would I danger both her soule and body,
Cause she's an alyen to us Catholikes.
Her bed should be all Snakes, her rest dispaire,
Tortures should make her curse her faithlesse Prayer.

Enter Suffex, Howard and Servants.

Suff. My Lord it is the pleasure of the Queene, The Prisoner Princesse should have all the use Of the Lieutenants Garden, the Queenes lodgings, And all the liberty this place affords.

Const. What meanes her Grace by that?

Suff. You may go aske her and you will my lord. Moreover, 'tis her Highnesse further pleasure, That her sworne servants shall attend on her, Two Gentlemen of her Ewry, two of her Pantry, Two of her Kitchin, and two of her Wardrobe, Besides this Gentleman here, Master Gage.

Const. The next will be her freedome. Oh this mads me.

How. Which way lyes the Princesse?

Const. This way my Lord.

How. This will be glad tydings: come let's tell her Grace. Exeunt omnes, prater Constable and Gage.

Gage. Wilt please your honour, let my desolate lady

Walke in the Lieutenants Garden,

Or may but see the lodgings of the Queene, Or ope the Casements to receive fresh aire?

Shall she my lord? shall she this freedome use?

She shall; for you can neither will nor chuse.

Or shall she have some servants of her owne,

To attend on her? I pray let it be so,

And let your looke no more poore prisoners daunt,

Exit Gage. I pray deny not what you needs must grant.

Const. This base Groome flouts me, oh this frees my heart.

These Knaves will jet upon their priviledge, But yet ile vex her, I have found the meanes.

To have my cooke to dresse my meat with hers.

And every Officer my men shall match,

Oh that I could but draine her hearts deare blood,

Oh it would feed me, doe my foule much good.

Enter the Clowne beating a Souldier.

Enter Cooke beating another Souldser.

Conft. How now, what meanes the fellow?

Cooke. Adacions flave, presuming in my place.

Const. Sir, twas my pleasure, and I did command it.

Cooke. The proudest he that keepes within the Tower,

Shall have no eye into my private Office.

Const. No fir, why say tis I.

Cooke. Be it your selfe, or any here,

Ile make him sup the hottest broth in the kitchin that shall gainefay it.

Const. You will not.

Cooke. Yes I will,

I have beene true to her, and will be still.

Conft.

If you know not me, -

Const. Well, ile have this amended ere't be long. And 'venge my selfe on her for all their wrong.

Excunt omnes.

Enter a Boy with a Nosegay.

Boy. I have another Nosegay for my young Lady,
My lord said I should be soundly whipt
If I were seene to bring her any more,
But yet ile venture once againe, she is so good a lady.
Oh here's her Chamber, ile call and see if she be stirring.
Where are you Lady?

Eliz. Welcome sweet boy, what hast thou brought me here?

Boy. Madam, I have brought you another Nosegay.

But you must not let it be seene : for if it be,

I shall be foundly whipt, indeedla indeed, I shall.

Eliz. God-a-mercy Boy, here's to requite thy love. Exit. Eliz.

Enter Constable, Sussex, Howard, and Attendants.

Const. Stay him, stay him, oh have I caught you Sir, Where have you beene?

Boy. To carry my young Lady some more flowers.

How. Alas my Lord a childe, pray let him go.

Const. Acrasty Knave my Lords, search him for letters.

Suff. Letters my lord, it is impossible.

Conft. Come, tell me what letters carriedst thou her?

Ile give thee figs and fugar-plums.

Boy. Will you indeed, well ife take your word, For you looke like an honest man.

Const. Now tell me what letters thou delivereds?

Boy Faith Gaffer I know no letters but great A, B, and E, I am not come to K. yet.

Now gaffer will you give me my sugar-plums?

Conft. Yes marry will I, take him away.

Let him be foundly whipt I charge you firrha.

Enter Elizabeth, Gage, and Clarentia.

Eliz. They keepe even infants from us. They doe well,
My fight they have too long bard, and now my smell.
This Tower hath made me fall to Huswistry,
I spend my labours to releeve the poor, (She delivereth to them.
Go Gage, distribute these to those that need. shirts and smocks.

Enter Winchester, Bening field, and Tame.

Winch. Madam, the Queene out of her royall bounty
Hath free'd you from the thraldome of the Tower,
And now this Gentleman must be your Guardian.

Eliz. I thanke her, she hath rid me of a Tyrant,
Is he appointed now to be my keeper?

What is he Lords?

Tame. A Gentleman in favour with the Queene.

Eliz. It seemes so by his charge. But tell me Gage.

Is yet the Scaffold standing on Tower Hill,

Whereon Gilford and the Lady Iane did suffer death?

Gage. Vpon my life it stands not. Eliz. Lord Howard, what is he?

How. A Gentleman, though of a sterne aspect, Yet milde enough, I hope your Grace will finde so.

Eliz. Hath he not thinke you a stretcht conscience, And if my secret murther should be put into his hands, Hath he not a heart thinke you to execute?

How. Defend it Heaven, and Gods almighty hand Betwixt your Grace, and such intendments stand.

Bening. Come Madam, will you goe?

Eliz. With all my heart. Farewell, farewell.

I am freed from Lymbo to be sent to hell.

Exeunt omnes.

Enter Cooke and Pantler.

Cook. What storme comes next? this hath disperst us quite, and

If you know not mee

and shatter'd us to nothing. Though we be deny'd the presence of our Mistris, yet we will walke aloose, and none controle us.

Pantl. Here will she crosse the River. Stand in her eye, That she may take some notice of our neglected duties.

Enter three poore men.

Let us present her with such tokens of good will

As we have.

2. They say she's such a vertuous Princesse, that shee's accept of a cup of cold water, and I have even a Nosegay for her Grace. Here she comes.

Enter Elizabeth, Beningfield, Gage and Tame.

Omnes. The Lord preserve thy sweet Grace.

Eliz. What are these?

Gage. The Townes-men of the Country gathered here,

To greet your Grace, hearing you past this way.

Eliz. Give them this gold, and thank them for their loves.

Ben. What traytor knaves are gather'd here to make a tumult?

Omnes: Now the Lord blesse thy sweet Grace.

Ben. If they persist, I charge you souldiers stop their mouths.
Eliz. It shall not need, the poor are loving, but the rich despise,

And though you curbe their tongue, spare them their eyes.

Your love my smart allayes not, but prolongs: Pray for me in your hearts, not with your tongues. See, see, my Lord, looke, I have still d them all, Not one among st them but bemones my fall.

Tame. Alas Sir Harry, these are honest Country men,

That much rejoyce to see the Princesse well.

Ben. My Lord, my Lord, my charge is great.

Tame. And mine as great as yours.

Ben. Harke, harke my Lord, what Bells are these?

Gage. The Townes-men of this Village, Hearing her Highnesse was to passe this way, Salutes her comming with this peale of Bells.

Ben.

Bells.

Ben. Traytors and knaves ring belis When the Queenes enemy passeth through the Town: Go fet the Knave by th'heels, go, make their pates ring noon, I charge thee Barwicke.

Exit Barwicke.

Eliz. Alas poore men, help them thou God above; Thus men are forc'd to suffer for my love.

What said my servants, those that stood aloose?

Gage. They deeply conjur'd me out of their loves,

To know how your case goes, which these poore people second.

Eliz. Say to them Tanquam Ovis. 1 11 1 17 10 02 112

Ben. Come, come away, this lingring will benight us. Tame. Madam, this night your lodging's at my house,

No prisoner are you Madam for this night.

Ben. How? no prisoner?

Tame. No, no prisoner, what I intend to doe He answer.

Madam, wilt please you goe?

Exit Eliz, Ben. Tame.

Cooke. Now gentle Master Vsher, what sayes my Lady? Gage. Thus did she bid me say, Tanquam Ovis. Exit Gage. Farewell, I must away.

Farewell, I must away.

I. Tanguam Bovis, pray what's Tangus ovris, neighbour?

2. If the Priest were here hee'd smell it out straight. Cooke. Myselfe have been a Scholler, and I understand

What Tanguam Ovis meanes.

We sent to know how her Grace did fare, She Tanquam Ovissed, even like a Sheep, That's to the slaughter led.

1. Tanquam Bovis, that I should live to see Tanquam Bovis.

2. I shall nere love Tanquam Bovis againe for this tricke.

Enter Bening field and Barwicke hisman.

Ben. Barwicke, is this the Chayre of State?

Bar. I Sir, this is it.

Ben. Take it downeand pull off my Bootes.

Bar. Come on sir,

Enter

If you know not me

Enter Clowne.

Clowne. O monstrous, what a sawcy companion's this? To pull off his bootes in the Chayre of State, Ile fit you a penny worth for it.

Ben. Wellsayd Barwicke, pull knave.

Bar. A ha fir.

The Clowne pulls the Chaire from under him.

Ben. Well said, now it comes.

Clo. Gods pitty, I think you are downe, cry you mercy.

Ben. What sawcy arrant knave art thou, how?

Clo. Not so sawcy an arrant knave as your worship : rakes me to be.

Ben. Villaine thou hast broke my crooper.

Clo. I am forry'tis no worse for your worship.

Ben. Knave, dost flout me? Exeunt. He beats him ont.

Enter the Englishman and Spaniard.

Spa. The wall, the wall.

Eng. Spaniard you get no wall here, unlesse you would have your head and the wall knock'd together.

Spa. Seignior Cavalero Danglatero.

I must have the wall.

Eng. I doe protest hadst thou not enforc'd it, I had not regarded it, but since you will needs Have the wall, Ile take the paines to thrust You into the kennell.

Spa. O base Cavalero, my Sword and Ponyardo Well try'd in Tolledo, shall give thee the imbrochado.

Eng. Mary and welcome fir, come on:

They fight, he burts the Spaniard.

Spa. Holo, holo, thou hast given me The Canvissado.

Eng. Come fir, will you any more?

Spa. Seignior Cavalero looke behind thee.

A blade of Tolledo is drawne against thee.

He lookes backe, he kils him.

Enter Philip, Howard, Suffex, and Constable.

Phil. Hang that ignoble Groome, Had not our eyes beheld thy Cowardile, We should have sworne, and held it as our faith, Such basenesse had not followed us.

Spa. Oh vostro mandado grand Imperador.

How. Pardon him my Lord.

Phil. Are you respectiesse of our honour Lords, That you would have us besome cowardise; I doe protest the great Turkes Empire, Shall not redeeme thee from a Felons death. What place is this my Lords?

Suff. Charing-croffe my Liege.

Phil. Then by this crosse, where thou hast done this murder, Thou shalt be hang'd, so Lords away with him.

Exit Spaniard.

Suff. Your Grace may purchase honour from above, And entire love from all your peoples hearts, To make attonement twixt the wofull Princesse And our dread Soveraigne, your most vertuous Queene.

How. It were a deede worthy of memory.

Const. My Lord she's factious, rather could I wish She were married to some private Gentleman, And with her Dower convey'd out of the land, Then here to stay and be a mutiner.

So may your Highnesse state be more secure. For whilst she lives, warrs and commotions, Foule insurrections will be set abroach, I thinke 'twere not amisse to take her head: This land would be in quiet were she dead.

Suff. Omy Lord, you speake not charitably.

Phil.

If you know not me,

Phil. Nor will we Lords) embrace his heedlesse councell, I doe protest, as I am King of Spaine,
My utmost powerile stretch to make them friends.
Come lords let's in, my love and wit ile try,
To end this jarre, the Queene shall not deny.

Exeunt omnes.

Enter Elizabeths Biningfield, Clarentia, Tame, Gage, and Barmicke.

Eliz. What fearefull terror doth assaile my heart? Good Gage come hither, and resolve me true In thy opinion: shall I out-live this night? I prethee speake.

Gage. Out-live this night, I pray Madam why? Eliz. Then to be plaine, this night I looke to dye.

Gage. O Madam, you were borne to better fortunes, That God that made you, will protect you still, From all your enemies that wish you ill.

Eliz. My heart is full.

Gage. O my honour'd lord,

As ever you were noble in your thoughts, Speake, shall my lady out-live this night, or no?

Tame. You much amaze me fir : else Heaven fore-fend.

Gage. For if we should imagine any plot, Pretending to the hurt of our deare Mistresse, I and my fellowes, though we be farre unable To stand against your power, will dye together.

Tame. And I with you would spend my dearest blood, To doe that vertuous lady any good. Sir Harry, now my charge I must resigne, The ladie's wholly in your custody, Yet use her kindly as she well deserves,

And so I take my leave. Madam adiew.

Eliz. My honour'd lord farewell, unwilling I

Exit Tame.

With

With griefe and woe must here continue still. Helpe me to some inke and paper good Sir Harry.

Bening. What to doc Madam?

Eliz. To write a letter to the Queene my fister.

Bening. I find not that in my Commission.

Eliz. Good Iaylor urge not thy Commission.

Bening. No Iaylor, but your Guardian Madam.

Eliz. Then reach me pen and inke.

Bening. Madam I dare not, my Commission serves not. Eliz. Thus have you driven me off from time to time,

Good laylor be not so severe.

Ben. Good Madam I intreat you loose that name Of Iaylor, 'twill be a by-word to me and my posterity. Eliz. As often as you name your Commission,

co often will I call you jaylor.

Ben. Say I should reach you pen, inke and paper,

Who is't dare beare a letter sent from you?

Eliz. I'doe not keepe a Servant so dishonest,

That should deny methat.

Ben. Who ever dares, none shall.

Gage. Madam, expose the letter to my trust, Were I to beare it through a field of Pikes, And in my way ten thousand arm'd men ambusht, Ide make my passage through the midst of them, And perforce beare it to the Queene your sister.

Ben. Body of me, what a bold Knaves this.

Gliz. Gage leave me to my selfe.

Thou ever-living power that guid'st all hearts, Give to my pen a true perswasive style, That it may move my impatient sisters eares, And urge her to campassionate my woe.

She writes.

Bening field takes a Booke and lookes into it.

Ben. What has she written here?

Much suspected by me, nothing prov'd can be,

Finis quoth Elizabeth the Prisoner.

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If you know not me,

Pray-God it prove so, soft what Book's this?
Marry a God what's here an English Bible?
Santia Maria, pardon this prophanation of my heart,
Water Barwicke, water, ile meddle with't no more.

Eliz. My heart is heavy, and my eyes grow dimme, Iam weary of writing, sleepy on the suddaine.

Clarentia, leave me, and command some musicke

In the with-drawing Chamber. (She fleepes. Ben. Your letter shall be forth-comming Lady,

I will peruse it ere it scape me now. Eit Bening field.

A dumbe Show.

Enter Winchester, Constable, Barwicke, and Fryers. At the other doore two Angels. The fryer steps to her, offering to kill her. The Angels drive them back. Excunt. The Angel opens the Riose, and puts it in her hand as she sleepes. Excunt Angels. She wakes.

Eliz. O Heaven, how pleasant was this sleepe to me? Clarentia, saw'st thou nothing?

Clar. Madam, not I.

I ne'er flept foundlier for the time.

Eliz. And heardst thou nothing?

Clar. Neither Madam.

Eliz. Didst thou not put this booke into my hand?

Clar. Madam not I.

Eliz. Then 'twas by inspiration, heaven I trust

With his eternall hand will guide the just.

What Pfalm's this? Who so putteth his trust in the Lord,

Shall not be confounded,

My Saviour thanks, on thee my hope I build, Thou lov'st poor innocents, and art their shield.

Act. Quar. Scæ. prim.

Enter Bening field and Gage.

Ben. Here have you writ a long excuse it seemes, But no submission to the Queene your fister.

Eliz. Should they submit that never wrought offence,

The law will alwayes quit wrong'd innocence.

Gage, take my Letter to the Lords commend my humble duty.

To give this letter to her Majestie:

I am all on speed,

Hoping when I returne,

To give you comfort, that now fadly mourne.

Exeunt omnes prater Beningfield.

Ben. I, doe, write and fend; ile crosse you still:

She shall not speake to any man alive,

But ile ore-heare her: no letter, nor no token

Shall ever have accesse unto her hands,

But first ile see it :

So like a subject to my Soveraignes state,

I will persue her with my deadly hate.

Enter Clowne.

Clow. O Sir Harry, you looke well to your office, Yonder's one in the Garden with the Princesse.

Ben. How knave? with the Princesse? she parted but even now, Clow. I fir, that's all one, but shee no sooner came into the Garden, but he leapt ore the wall, and there they are together busie in talke sir.

Ben. Here's for thy paines, thou art an honest fellow:

Go take a Guard, and apprehend them straight. Exit Clowne.

Bring them before me.

O this was well found out.

Now will the Queene commend my diligent care,

And praise me for my service to her Grace.

If you know not me

Ha, Traytors swarme so neare about my house, 'Tis time to looke into't...
O well said Barwicke. Where's the Prisoner?

Enter Clowne, Barwicke, and Souldiers, leading a Goat.
his sword drawne.

Clow. Here he is, in a string my Lord.

Ben. Lord blesse us, knave what hast thou there?

Clo. This is he I told you was bufe in talke with the Princesse. What a did there you must out of him by examination.

Ben. Why knave this is a beast.

Clow. So may your worship be for any thing I know.

Ben. What art thou Knave?

Clow. If your worship does not remember me, I hope your worships crooper doth: But if you have any thing to say to this honest fellow,

Who for his gray head and reverend beard is so like, that He may be a kinne to you.

Ben. A kinne to me, knave ile have thee whipt.

Clow. Then your worship will cry quittance with my posteriors for misusing of yours.

Ben. Knave dost thou flout me still.

He beats hime Execut.

Enter Winchester, Gresham with a paper, Constable with a Pursevant.

Winch. I know your businesse, and your haste shall stay. As you were speaking my lord Constable.

Const. When as the King shall come to seale these writs, Gresh. My lord, you know his Highnesse treasure stayes,

And cannot be transported these three Moneths, Vnlesse that now your Honor seale my warrant.

Winch. Fellow, what then? This warrant that concerne The Princesse death, shuffle amongst the rest,

He'l nere peruse't.

Gresh. How, the Princesse death? thanks to Heaven, By whom I am made a willing instrument her life to save, That may live crown'd, when thou art in thy Grave.

Winch. Stand ready Pursevant. Exit Gresham.

That when 'tis sign'd,

Thou maist be gone, and gallop with the winde.

Enter Philip, Suffex, and Gage.

Phil. Our Chancelor lords, this is our sealing day, This our States-businesse. Is our signet there?

Enter Howard, and Gresbam, as he is sealing.

How. Stay your imperiall hand, let not your seale imprint Deaths impresse in your sisters heart.

Phil. Our fifters heart! lord Howard, what meanes this?

How. The Chancelor and that injurious lord,

Can well expound the meaning.

Win. Oh chance accurst, how came he by this notice?

Her life is guarded by the hand of Heaven,

And we invaine perfue it.

Phil. Lord Chancelor, your dealing is not faire. (He look sup-See lords, what writs offer themselves, on the paper...

To the impresse of our seale.

Suff. See my lord, a warrant for the Princesse death Before she be convicted, what jugling call you this? See, see, for Gods sake.

Gage. And a Pursevant ready to poste away withit,

To fee it done with speed,

What flinty brest could brooke to see her bleed?

Phil. Lord Chancelor, out of our Prerogative,

We will make bold to enterline your warrant. The King writes... Suff. Whose plot was this?

How.

If you know not me

How. The Chancelors, and my Lord Constables.

Suff. How was't reveal'd?

Ho. By this Gentleman Master Gresham the kings Agent here. Sass. He hath shewed his love to the king and Queens Majesty, His service to his country, and care of the Princesse.

Gresh. My duty to them all.

Phil. In stead of charging of the Sheriffes with her,

We discharge her keeper Beningfield:

And where we should have brought her to the blocke.

We now will have her brought to Hampton-court,

There to attend the pleasure of the Queene,

The Pursevant that should have posted downe

With tidings of herdeath,

Beare her the message of her reprived life.

You Master Gage, assist his speed, a good dayes work we ha made To rescue innocence so neare betray'd.

Enter Clowne and Clarentia.

Clow. Whither go you so fast Mistris Clarentia.

Clar. A milking.

Clow. A milking, that's a poore office for a Madam.

Clar. Better be a milke-maid free, then a Madam in bondage, Oh hadft thou heard the Princesse yesternight, Sitting within an Arbor all alone to heare a milk-maid sing,

It would have mov'd a flinty heart to melt,

Weeping and wishing, wishing and weeping too.

A thouland times the with her felfe debates,

With the poore milke-maid to exchange estates. She was a Sempster in the Tower being a Princesse,

And shall I her poore Gentlewoman disdaine

To be a milke-maid in the Countrey.

Clow. Troth you say true, every one to his forme,

As men, go to hanging. The time hath beene

When I would a scorn'd to carry coals, but now the case is alter'd. Every man as farre as his Talent will stretch.

Enter a Gentlewoman,

Wom. Where's Mistris Clarentia; to horse, to horse, The Princesse is sent for to the Court,
She's gone already, come let's after.

Clar. The Princesse gone and I lest here behinde!
Come, come our horses shall outstrip the winde.

Clow. And ile not be long after you, for I am sure
My curtall will carry me as fast as your double hoald Gelding.

Enter Elizabeth, and Gage.

Eliz. I wonder Gage that we have stay'd so long
So neare the Court, and yet have heard no newes
From our displeased Sister, this more affrights me
Then all my former troubles, I feare this Hampton-court
Will be my Gravé.

Gage. Good Madam, blot such thoughts out of your minde, The Lords I know are still about your sute,

And make no doubt but they will so prevaile

Both to the King and Queene, that you shall see

Their heynous anger will be turn'd to love.

Enter Howard.

How. Where is the Princesse?

Eliz. Welcome my good L. Howard, what sayes the Queen? Will she admit my sight?

How. Madam she will, this night she hath appointed That she her selfe in person meanes to heare you. Protract no time, then come let's haste away.

Exeunt.

Enter foure Torches: Philip, Winchester, Howard Shandoyse, Bening sield, and Attendants.

Queen. Where is the Princesse?

How. She waits your pleasure at the common stayres.

Queen.

Queen. Viher her in by torch-light.

How. Gentlemen Vshers, and Gentlemen Pentioners,

Lights for the Princesse : attendants Gentlemen.

Phil. For her supposed vertues, Royall Queene,

Looke on your Sifter with a smiling brow,

And if her fault merit not too much hate,

Let her be censur'd with all lenitie,

Let your deepe hatred end where it begunne,

She hath beene too long banisht from the Sunne.

Queen. Our favour shall be farre 'bove her desert,

And she that hath beene banisht from the light,

Shall once againe behold our chearfull sight.

You my Lord, step behind the arras,

And heare our conference, we'll shew her grace,

For there shines too much mercy in your face. So and the same

Phil. We beare this minde, we errors would not feed,

Nor cherish wrongs, nor yet see innocents bleed.

Queen. Call in the Princesse.

Exeunt for the Princesse. Philip behind the arras.

Enter all with Elizabeth.

All forbeare this place, except our fister now? Exeunt omnes.

Eliz. That God that rais d you, stay you and protect

You from your foes, and cleare me from suspect.

Queen. Wherefore doe you cry?
To be your felfe to low, or us to hie?

Eliz. Neither, dread Queene, mine is a womanish teare, In part compel'd by joy, and part by feare:

Joy of your light, these brinish teares have bred,

And feare of my Queenes frowne, to firike me dead.

Queene. Sister, I rather thinke they re teares of spleene.

Eliz. You were my fifter, now you are my Queene.

Queen I, that's your griefe.

That hath possess you so: I am as true a
Subject to your Grace, as any lives this day,
Did you but seed a subject to your Grace.

If you know not me,

My heart it bends farre lower then my knee.

Queen. We know you can speake well, will you submit?

Eliz, My life Madam I will, but not as guilty;

Should I confesse

Fault done by her that never did transgresse?

I joy to have a Sister Queene so Royall,

I would it as much pleas'd your Majesty

That you enjoy a fister that's so true.

If I were guilty of the least offence,

Madam'twould taint the blood in your vaines,

The treasons of the father being noble

Vnnobles all his children. Let your Grace

Exact all torture and imprisonment,

What ere my greatest enemies can devise,

When they have all done their worst malice I

Will your true subject, and true sister dye.

Phil. Myrror of vertue, and bright natures pride, Behind the Pitty it had beene such beauty should have dye'd (arras.

Queen. You'll not submit; but end as you begin? Eliz. Madam, to death I will, but not to sinne.

Queen. You are not guilty then?

Eliz. I thinke I am not.

Queen. I am not of your minde.

Eliz. I would your highnesse were.

Queen. How meane you that?

Eliz. To thinke as I thinke, that my soule is cleere.

Queen. You have beene wrong imprison'd then?

Eliz. Ile not say so.

Queen. What ere you thinke, arise and kisse our hand, Say God hath rais'd you friends.

Eliz. Then God hath kept his promise.

Queen. Promise, why?

Eliz. Toraise them friends that on his word refye.

Phil. And may the Heaven's applaud this unity.

Bad men they were that first procur'd this wrong,

Now by my crowne, you habeene kept downe too long.

Queen.

If you know not mee

Queen. Sister this night your selfe shall feast with me,

To morrow for the Country you are free.

Lightsfor the Princesse, conduct her to her Chamber. Ex. Eliz.

Phil. My soule is joyfull that this peace is made,

A peace that pleaseth Heaven, and earth, and all,

Redeeming captive thoughts from servile thrall.

Faire Queene, the serious businesse of my Fatherum as it has you

Is now at hand to be accomplished; if a ran. It is your son as II

Of your faire fight, needs must I take my leave to gaing and I ti Returne I shall, though parting cause us grieve. I how the shall

Queen, Why should two hearts be forcidato separate, which is

I know your businesse, but beleeve me, sweet, who aid the selectory My foule divines we nevermore shall meet. The sum of the first

Phil. Yet faire Queene, hope the best, I shall returne,

To meet with joy, though now we fadly mourne.

Ben. What, droopes your Honour?

Win. Oh, I am ficke. A transfer to the transfer to the

Con. Where Iyes your griefe?

Win. Where yours and all good subjects else should lye, Neere at the heart, this reconcilement I doe greatly dread.

Least now our true Religion should decay, The first the sales

And I divine who ever lives seven yeare, in the land

Shall see no true faith here but heresie.

Con. Come, come, my Lords, this is but for flows.

Our Queene I warrant wishes in her heart

Her fifter Princesse were without her head. A militaly was not

Winch. No, no my Lords, this peace is naturall, and I will

This combination is without deceirs the grant and the second

But I will once more write to incense the Queene, deal and well

The plot is laid, thus it shall be perform'd . Ab Down . All

Sir Harry, you shall goe attach her servants we him of a work

Vpon suspition of some treachery; when I make some and

Wherein the Princesse shall be accessary, 15 33 5 6 A Ander

And if this faile, my policy growes dull, and the more ball

But I grow faint, the Fever Reales on me, and programme

Death like a Vulture tyres upon my heart: Ile leave you to profecute the drift, My bones to earth, to heaven my soule I lift.

Exemptomnes.

Enter Gage, and Clarentia.

Gage. Madam Clarentia, is my Lady stirring?

Clar. Yes Master Gage, but heavy at the heart:

For she was frighted with a dreame this night,

She said, she dream'd her sister was new married.

And sate upon an high Imperial! Throne,

That she her selfe was cast into a Dungeon,

Where enemies environ'd her about,

Offering their weapons to her naked brest:

Nay they would scarcely give her leave to pray,

They made such haste to hurry her away.

Gage. Heaven blesse my Mistris, make her friends increases

Clar. Then did I dreame of weddings, and flowers.

Methought I was within the finest Garden, That ever mortalleye did yet behold:

Then straight methought some of the chiefe were picke

To dresse Bride. O'twas the bravest show

To see the Bride goe smiling longst the streets,

As if we went to happinesse eternall.

As great as yours, before it was but small,

Come, let's goe comfort her that joyes usall.

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Act. 5. Scæ. prim.

Enter a dumbe Show.

Sixe Torches.

Sussex bearing the Crowne, Howard bearing the Scepter, the Constable the Mace, Tame the Purse, Shandoyse the Sword, Philip and Mary: After them the Cordinal Poole, Bening-field and Attendants. Philip and Mary conferre, he takes leave and exit, Nobles bring him to the doore and returne, she falls in a swound, they comfort her.

A dead March. Enter foure with the Herse of Winchester with the Scepter and Purse lying on it, the Queene takes the Scepter and Purse and gives it to Cardinall Poole. A Sonnet,

and exeunt omnes, prater Sussex.

Suff. Winchester dead! O Heaven, even at his death He shew'd his malice to the sweet young Princesse, Heaven pardon him, his soule must answer all, Shee's still preserv'd, and still her soes doe fall. The Queen is much besotted on these Prelates, For there's another rais'd more great than he, Poole, though a Priest, yet has knowne honesty.

Enter Beningfield.

Ben. My Lord of Suffex, I can tell ill newes, The Cardinall Poole that now was found in health, Is suddenly falme sicke, ready to dye.

Saff. Why then there's a fall of these proud Prelates. This Realme will never stand in perfect state,

Till all their faction be cleare ruinate.

Enter Constable.

Const. Sir Harry, doe you heare the whispering in the Court.
They

They say the Queene is crazy, very ill.

Suff. How heard you that? Const. 'Tis common through the house.

Enter Howard,

How. 'Tis a fad Court, my Lord.

Suff. What's the matter, say; how fares the Queene?

How. Whether in forrow for the Kings departure,

Or else for griefe at Winchesters decease,

Or else that Cardinall Poole is sodainly dead,

I cannot tell: but she's exceeding sicke.

Suff. The state begins to stagger.

How. Nay more my Lord, I came now from the presence,

And heard the Docters whisper it in-secret,

There is no way but one.

Suff. Gods will be done, who's with the Queene my Lord? How. The Duke of Norfolke, the Earle of Oxford, secretary

The Earle of Arundell, and divers others.

They are withdrawne into the inward Chamber.

There to take councell, and intreat your presence.

Suff. We'll wait upon their honours. Exeunt omnes,

Enter Elizabeth, Gage, and Clarentia above. Eliz. O Heaven, my last nights dreame I greatly feare, It doth presage my death, good Master. Gage, Looke to the path-way that doth come from the Court, I looke each minute for deaths Messenger: Would he were here now, so my soule were pure, That I with patience might the stroke endure.

Gage. Madam, I see from farre a horse-man comming,

This way he bends, he spurrs so fast, I am

That he is covered in a Cloud of dust

And now I have lost his fight, he appeares againe,

Making his way over Hill, Hedge, Ditch, and Plaine

Another after him; and they two strive, more and they two strives

As on the race they had wager'd both their lives: 1 100 100 100

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Another after him.

Pray for my soule, my life cannot long last.

Gage. Strange, miraculous, the first being at the Gate,

His horse bath broke his necke, and cast his rider.

Eliz. The same is but as prologue to my death, Well, my heart is guiltlesse though they take my breath.

Enter Sir Henry Karew

Karew. God save the Queene, God save Elizabeth.
Eliz. God save the Queene, so all good subjects say;

I am her subject and for her still pray.

For there he broke his necke, and there he lyes, And I my selfe had much adoe to rise, The fall hath bruis'd me, yet I live to cry God blesse your Grace, God blesse your Majesty.

Eliz. This newes is sweet, my heart was fore afraid,

Rife thou first Baron that we ever made.

Karew. Thankes to your Majesty, happy be my tongue, That first breath'd right to her that had such wrong.

Enter Sir John Brocket.

Brock. Am I prevented in my haste, O chance accurst!

My hopes did sooth me that I was the first;

Let not my duty be ore-sway'd by spleene,

Long live my Soveraigne, and God save the Queene.

Eliz. Thankes good Sir John, we will deserve your love.

Enter Lord Howard.

How. Though third in order, yet the first in love, I tender my allegiance to your Grace, Live long saire Queene, thrice happy be your reigne, He that instates you, your high state maintaine.

Eliz. Lord Howard thanks, you ever were our friend,

I fee your love continues to the end:

But chiefly thanks to you my Lord of Hunsdon

How. Meaning this Gentleman?

Eliz. The very same:

His tongue was first proclaimer of our name:

And trusty Gage, in token of our Grace,

We give to you a Captaine Pensioners place.

How. Madam, the Councell are neere at hand.

Eliz. We will discend and meet them.

Karew. Let's guard our Soveraigne, praising that power, That can throw downe, and raise within an houre.

Exit omnes,

Enter the Clowne, and one more with Faggots.

Clow. Come Neighbours, come away, every man his Faggot, And his double pot, for joy of the old Queens death, Let Bels ring, and children fing, For we may have cause to remember, The sevententh day of November.

Enter Lord of Tame.

Tame. How now my Masters, what's here to doe?

Clow. Faith making of Bonefires for joy of the new Queene.

Come fir, your penny, and if you be a true subject,

You'll battle with us your Faggot, we'll be merry yfaith.

Tame. And you doe well: but yet methinke twere fit

To spend some funerall tears upon her Herse, Who while she liv'd was deare unto you all.

Clow. I, but doe you not know the old Proverbe, We must live by the Quicke, and not by the dead.

Tame. Did you not love her father when he liv'd,

As dearely as ever you did love any, And yet rejoyced at his Funerall?

Likewise her Brother, you esteem'd him deare,

Yet -

If you know not mee

Yet once departed, joyfully you fing:
Ranto make Bonefiers, to proclaime your Love,
Vnto the new, forgetting fill the old.
Now she is gone, what's he that mourns for her?
Were it not fit, first to lament the dead?
And then rejoyce the living?
Had you the wisest and the lovingst Prince
That ever sway'd a Scepter in the world,
This is the love he shall have after life.
Let Princes while they live have love or feare, 'tis fit,
For after death there's none continues it.

Clow. By my faith my Masters, and he speakes wisely.
Come, we'll to the end of the Lane, and there we'll
Make abonesire, and be merry.

1. Faith agreed. Ile spend my kalse-penny towards
Another sagget, rather then the new Queene

Shall want a Bone fire. Exeunt Manet Tame.

Tame. I blame you not, nor doe you much commend, For you will still the strongest side desend.

Exit.

A Senner.

Enter foure Trumpetters, after them Sargeant Trumpetter with a Mace, after him Purse-bearer, Sussex with the Crowne, Howard the Scepter, Constable with the Cap of maintenance, Shandoyse with the sword, Tame with the Coller and a George, foure Gentleman bearing the Canopy over the Queene, two Gentlemen bearing up her traine, sixe Gentlemen Pensioners; the Queene takes State.

Omn. Long live, long raigne the Queene our Soveraigne. Eliz. We thanke you all.

Suff. The imperial Crowne I here present your Grace, With it my staffe of Office, and my place.

Eliz. Whilst we this Crewne, so long your place enjoy.

How.

How. Th'imperiall Scepter I present, with it, my love and service.

Eliz. Keepe it my Lord, and with it be you high Admirall.

Const. This Cap of maintenance I present,

With all my best of service.

Eliz. Your love we know.

Const. Pardon me gracious Madam, 'twas not spleene, But that allegeance that I ow'd the Queene,

Madam, I serv'd her truly at that day, And I as truly will your Grace obey.

Eliz. We doe as freely pardon as you truly serve, Only your staffe of Office we'll displace, In stead of that, we'll owe you greater grace.

Enter Beningfield.

Ben. Long live the Queene, long live your Majesty, I have rid hard to be the first reporter Of these glad tydings; and all these here.

Suff. You are in your love as free as in your care,

You're come even just a day after the faire.

Eliz. What's he, my jaylor?

Ben. Heaven preserve your Grace.

Eliz. Be not ashamed man looke me in the face.

Where's your Commission now? whom have you now to patro-

nize your strictnesse?

Well for your kindnesse this we will bestow,
When we have one we would have hardly us'd,
And cruelly dealt with, you shall be the man.
This is a day for peace, not vengeance sit,
All your good deeds we'l quit, your wrongs remit.

Where we left off, proceed.

Shand. This Sword of justice on my bended knee, I to your Grace present: Heaven blesse your reigne.

Eliz. This Sword is ours, this stasse is yours againe.

Tame. This Garter with the order of the George,

Two ornaments unto the Crowne of England,

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I here present.

Eliz. Possesse them still my Lord. What offices beare you?

Gage. I Captaine of your Highnesse Pentioners.

Brock: I of your Guard.

Serg. I Sergeant Trumpeter present my Mace.

Eliz. Some we intend to raise, none to displace.

Lord Hunsdon we will one day finde a staffe

To poyse your hand, you are our dearest Cousin,

And deserve to be imployed neerer our person.

But now to you from whom we take this staffe,

Since Cardinals Peole is now deceast and dead,

To shew all malice from our brest is worne,

Before you let the Purse and Mace be borne.

And now towards London Lords lead on the way,

Praising that King to whom all Kings obey.

Sennet about the stage in order.
The Niajor of London meets them.

Major. I from this City London here present, This Purse and Bible to your Majesty, A thousand of your faithfull Citizens, In velvet Coats and Chaines, well mounted, stay To greet their Royall Soveraigne on the way.

Eliz. We thanke you all. But first this Booke I kisse.

Thou art the way to honour; thou to blisse. (Pointing to the An English Bible, thanks my good Lord Major, Crowne and You of our body, and our soule have care, the Bible.

This is the Iewell that we still love best,

This was our solace when we were distrest,

This booke that hath so long conceal'd it selfe,

So long shut up, so long hid; now Lords see,

We here unclasse, from henceforth it is free:

Who looks for joy, let him this booke adore,

This is true food for rich men and for poore.

Who drinks of this, is certaine ne're to perish,

This will the foule with heavenly vertue cherish,
Lay hand upon this Anchor every soule,
Your names shall be in an eternal scrowle;
Who builds on this, dwels in a happy state,
This is the fountaine electer immaculate.
That happy issue that shall us succeed,
And in our populous Kingdome this booke reade,
For them as for our selves we humbly pray,
They may live long and blest. So, lead the way.

The Epilogue.

In her minority: and since a Queene:

A Subject, and a Soveraigne: In the one,

A pitied Lady: In the Regall Throne

A potent Queene: it now in you doth rest,

To know, in which she hath demean'd her best.

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